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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news- item captioned Government trying to saffronise education appearing in 'The Hindu' dated November 19, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have taken a decision to include religious education in the National Curriculum Framework forSchool Education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): NCERThas published the National Curriculum Framework for School Education as a part of the ongoing process of curriculum development. While the framework responds to many new societal and pedagogical changes, it remains well within the broad parameters of the National Policy on Education (NPE) framedin 1986 and revised in 1992. Value education (which includes education about the various religions) forms one of the ongoing components of the NPE.This will be integrated with all subjects of study in scholastic and co-scholastic areas.